PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Seventieth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

May 2-3, 1952

Swampscott, Massachusetts

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SEVENTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Massachusetts Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War

HERBERT L. SMITH
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
1951 — 1952

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

New Ocean House, Swampscott, Mass., May 2, 1952.

The 70th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, opened at 2:10 p.m., Commander Herbert L. Smith presiding.

Prayer was offered by Brother Rev. George Hibbert Driver and the Pledge of Allegiance given.

Brother Bowen of Camp 15 was appointed Guide, Brother Delaney of Camp 1 Asst. Guide, and Brother Morrison of Camp 4, Guard.

The Credentials Committee reported an attendance of 31.

The following committees were appointed by Department Commander Smith:

Encampment Committee—Dept. Treasurer George E. Hunt, chairman; P.D.C. Addison A. Quinn, P. C.-in-C. Charles H. E. Moran, Dept. Secretary Leon H. Palmer, Dept. Counselor Edwin J. Lennon.

Credentials—Leon H. Palmer, Dept. Secretary; Frank A. Raymond, Camp 4; Herbert W. Bogue, Camp 15; George White, Camp 37; Earl W. Harrington, Camp 50; George D. Lamarsh, Camp 60.

Constitution and Regulations—P.D.C. Henry F. Weiler; P.D.C. William W. Haskell; Robert S. O'Toole, Camp 25; Henry O. Morrison, Camp 4; John L. Day, Camp 9.

Ritual and Ceremonies—P.D.C. Allen B. Howland; Carder A. Perkins, Senior Vice Department Commander; William H. Crocker, Camp 9; Charles Vaughan, Camp 150; Francis H. Barbaro, Camp 109.

Resolutions—P.D.C. Thomas Crawford; P.D.C. Louis E. Winchell, Dept. Counselor Charles W. Hooper; Dept. Organizer Howard Waite; LaForest E. Osborne, Camp 35.

Reports of Officers—P.D.C. William C. Rule; P.D.C. George William Kimball; P.D.C. Parker B. Chandler; Harold P. Kelley, Camp 60; William S. George, Camp 61.

Restoration of Past Rank—P.D.C. Roy C. Call; P.J.V.D.C. George O. Walker; Junior Vice Dept. Commander Harold P. Shepardson; Wilbur L. Loomer, Camp 25; Lester W. Eldridge, Camp 44, Chandler Keeler, 60; George, 6; Bowen, 6.

Publicity—P.D.C. Harold M. Drown, Dept. Public Secretary; Herbert W. Bogue, Camp 15; Lester K. Sweeney, Camp 25.

GREETINGS

Auxiliary S. U. V. C. W.—P. C.-in-C. Charles H. E. Moran; P.D.C. Addison A. Quinn; P.D.C. Allen B. Howland; P. D. C. Elias A. Sweet; P.D.C. Henry F. Weiler; P.D.C. William W. Haskell.

Daughters of Union Veterans—P.D.C. Harold M. Drown; Senior Vice Dept. Commander Carder A. Perkins; Dept. Counselor Edwin J. Lennon.

Ladies of the G. A. R.—P.D.C. William O. Fuller; John L. Day, Camp 9; Dept. Secretary Leon H. Palmer.

Woman's Relief Corps—P.D.C. William C. Rule; Dept. Organizer Howard Waite; Paul A. Hoey, Camp 25.

Reports of Dept. Comdr., S. V. Dept. Comdr., J. V. Dept. Comdr., Secretary, Treasurer, Organizer, Chaplain, Counselor and Publicity Secretary read, and on motion of Past Dept. Comdr. Weiler referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.

Report of Executive Committee read by Chairman Frederic Bauer and accepted.

Letters from Camp 35, requesting Restoration of Past Rank for Brothers Edward G. Tripp and Raymond A. Morse, and from Camp 109, for Edgar F. Pierce and Glendon W. Chase, referred to Committee on Restoration of Past Rank.

Past Dept. Comdr. Howland reported that he had received $83.65 towards the Encampment Fund, $56.20 of which was received before closing of books on March 31 and turned in to the Dept.

Publicity Secretary Drown submitted the following Resolution:

Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

RESOLUTION ON CONFEDERACY PROPAGANDA

Widespread propaganda on the Confederacy issue—settled in 1861-65—having been witnessed, of late, in varying manner:—

FIRST—In carrying of "Stars and Bars" on parade and at times even superseding the "Stars and Stripes";

ALSO—Thru the display of this obsolete flag on ALL types of wearing apparel, for ALL occasions;

AND AGAIN—On the cheering of Confederacy and boohing of Army who wore the Union Blue; in showing of movie film;

AND, WHEREAS, this so-called "fad" is also a "wedge"—i. e., causing disunity in our Nation, being strongly manifest thru industry and ALL commercial enterprise—

We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in 70th Annual State Encampment, at Swampscott, Mass., May 2-4, 1952, hereby protest any and all controversial propaganda of Confederacy. And, furthermore, we are opposed to advocacy of either "North" or "South" affiliation, whether it be verbal, printed or in any material way, which could aggravate or offend even one citizen, anywhere.

Respectfully submitted: Harold M. Drown, National Public Relations Officer, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Counselor Bauer submitted resolution "That the Executive Committee are hereby given full visitatorial powers in reference to the trust on which Camp funds are held, as declared in the National Constitution and Regulations of the Order, and any other trusts on which Camp funds may be held."

Adopted.

Council report and estimated budget read by member, Charles W. Hooper.

Organizer Waite read report of 1951 Encampment Committee, Joseph T. Daly, Chairman, and on motion of Counselor Bauer it was accepted.

Council member Rule reported visit of Greetings Committee to Woman's Corps.

On motion of P.D.C. Weiler it was voted that nominations for Delegates be written and seconded.

The following communication was received from our Auxiliary:

WHEREAS: It seems to be the general consensus of opinion of this convention that this Hotel is an ideal place to have our conventions; be it

RESOLVED: That we suggest to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that favorable action be taken by them during their convention on returning here another year.

Signed: Rita E. Augia, P.D.P.; Mary R. Carr, P.D.P.; Alice Lovering.

Motion by P.D.C. Weiler that matter be taken up tomorrow under new business carried.

Treasurer Hunt reported verbally for the Convention Committee.

Credentials Committee reported total attendance, 35.

P.D.C. Rule moved recess to 9:15 a.m., May 3. Carried.

Recessed at 5 p.m.

May 3, 1952.

Convention opened at 9:30 a.m. Counselor Bauer offered prayer and Pledge of Allegiance given.

Chaplain Emery read his report.

NEW BUSINESS

Musician Wood moved the 1953 Convention be held at New Ocean House, Swampscott.

Counselor Bauer amended: "Unless changed for sufficient cause by the Executive Committee." Motion carried as amended.

P.D.C. Davis moved that the Auxiliary be notified by our Greetings Committee. Carried.

P.D.C. Howland made a partial report on the Encampment Fund. 24 Camps had contributed.

S.V.C. Perkins assumes Chair as Comdr. Smith goes with the Greetings Committee to the Auxiliary.

Treasurer Hunt spoke about the future of our Country, and suggested that a resolution be submitted to Congress. Brother Pray, of Camp 56, spoke in favor.

The Secretary moved that a committee of three, of which Counselor Bauer be Chairman, be appointed to draw up a resolution. Motion was carried unanimously and Brothers Bauer, Hunt and Pray were appointed.

Credentials Committee reported attendance of 55.

The Committee on Restoration of Past Rank reported and recommended that rank of Past Camp Commander be restored to Edward G. Tripp and Raymond A. Morse, of Camp 35, and Edgar F. Pierce and Glendon W. Chase, of Camp 109.

The Secretary moved that the report be accepted and that past rank be restored to these Brothers. Carried.

Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary received: Pres. Maybel Howard, P. Nat'l Pres. Phyllis Dean, Mrs. Eulah Smith, P.D.P. Ursula Shepardson.

Mrs. Smith, for S.U.V. Aides, presented the Sons with a check for $200.00 which was received with much appreciation.

P.D.C. Addison Quinn responded.

Nat'l Patriotic Instructor John W. Emery expressed Greetings of self and C-in-C.

The Council submitted report and estimated Budget.

Treas. Hunt moved that the Budget be approved; seconded by P.D.C. Call.

P.D.C. Howland offered amendment, seconded by Chaplain Emery, that any money left be put in the Permanent Fund.

Vote on amendment: 18 in favor, 23 against.

Report and Budget then accepted unanimously.

The Encampment then proceeded to the nomination and election of Department Officers:

For Commander—Carder A. Perkins was nominated by John W. Emery.

For S. V. Commander—Harold P. Shepardson was nominated by Chas. H. E. Moran.

For J. V. Commander—Leo Hamilton was nominated by Mr. Pooler.

For J. V. Commander—Robert L. Wood was nominated by Harold M. Drown.

For Council—Edwin J. Lennon was nominated by Henry F. Weiler.

For Council—Emerson Whitman was nominated by Addison A. Quinn.

For Council—Charles W. Hooper was nominated by Allen A. Howland.

Counselor Bauer moved that when the time comes, the Secretary cast one ballot for uncontested officers.

Carried: 25 in favor, 16 against.

Credentials Committee reported a total registration of 62.

S.V.C. Perkins moved that a telegram be sent from the Encampment to Past C.-in-C. William L. Anderson, Sr., and motion was carried.

Recessed to 1:30 on motion of Brother Davis.

May 3, 1952.

Opened at 1:40 p.m.

Treasurer Hunt made announcement regarding banquet.

Chaplain Emery moved that in the future the name, home town, date elected and date presented be engraved on the retiring Commander's badge. Carried.

Committee on Resolutions presented resolution of Harold M. Drown, and the same was adopted; also presented resolution from the Committee. No action.

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Respectfully submitted, Committee on Resolutions. Signed: Allen B. Howland, P.D.C.; Howard E. Waite, P.C.; Charles W. Hooper, Louis E. Winchell.

P.D.C. Chandler presented report of Committee on Officers' Reports.

Chaplain Emery moved that unless objections were made to recommendations, they be considered adopted.

Department Commanders' recommendations all adopted.

S. V. Dept. Comdrs. recommendations: No. 1 referred to Committee on Rules and Regulations; advised no action. No. 2 adopted.

Treasurer's recommendations: No. 1 adopted. No. 2, Counselor Bauer offered amendment, "except extra dividends, to be left to the Executive Committee to decide where placed."

Recommendation carried as amended over objection of the Treasurer.

Dept. Organizer's recommendations: No. 1, Committee concurs and recommended Dept. Comdr. try to carry out; No. 2, tabled by vote of Encampment; No. 3, adopted; No. 4, adopted; No. 5, adopted; No. 6, adopted.

P.D.C. Howland moved that a Roster be printed annually, following Department Encampment. Carried.

Counselor Bauer read a resolution:

The members of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled in annual convention at the New Ocean House at Swampscott, Massachusetts, view with great alarm the growing burden of taxation and National debt, which is rapidly undermining the liberties for which our sires fought in the Civil War, and is destroying the spirit of self-reliance and initiative which have made our country great.

We, therefore, urge upon the members of Congress the necessity of reducing the expenditures of the National Government for all purposes except National Defense and to that end to reduce the administrative agencies of the National Government to those contemplated by the Federal Constitution, and to abolish duplication of activities, in order that the National debt and the present burden of taxation may be lightened, so that we and our children may still live in "the land of the free."

And we urge upon all our members to exercise their franchise and use their efforts to the end that only those persons shall be elected to

public office who can be relied upon to favor reduction of Governmental expenditures, and to encourage others to do likewise.

Past C.-in-C. Moran moved acceptance and that copies be sent to all members of Congress from Massachusetts, all Camps in Massachusetts and to every Department and the Banner. Carried.

Committee on Constitution and Regulations:

On the recommendation of S. V. Comdr., No. 1: The Committee recommend that the question of a life membership trust fund be first determined before definite action on this recommendation.

Report of Committee adopted.

Chaplain Emery moved that a letter of commendation be sent to Nat'l Sec.-Treas. Albert C. Lambert for the issuing of the Banner. Carried.

Chaplain moved that a letter of thanks be sent to Col. Kennedy and Miss Duffy for courtesies extended to this Department. Carried.

Commander Bowen, of Camp 15, advised Camps to contact Superintendents of Schools and endeavor to get them to have Gen. Logan's General Orders on Memorial Day read in the schools, to educate the children about that day.

Greetings Committees were received: Mrs. Mary Debettencourt from the W. R. C., Florence Patten from the L. G. A. F., and Edith Eddy from the D. U. V.

All spoke and Treasurer Hunt responded.

Dept. Commander Brown of Connecticut and Dept. Commander Lawrence of New Hampshire brought greetings.

Counselor Bauer reported a visit to the Auxiliary, where he read the resolution on Government economy, which was enthusiastically received.

Credentials Committee reported registration of 68 Delegates, representing 29 Camps.

P.D.C. Howland reported Encampment Fund received $93.00.

Chaplain Emery made a plea for funds for the National G. A. R. Memorial Fund.

P.D.C. Howland moved that the Department donate $25.00 to the Nat'l Patriotic Fund. S.V.C. Perkins offered an amendment that a collection be taken towards the amount. Motion carried as amended.

Brother R. P. Bickmore brought up the matter of a dollar fee for registration. Counselor Bauer explained at length.

P.D.C. Call moved that a registration fee of one dollar be made for the 1953 Encampment. Carried.

Chaplain Emery moved that the Council draw up legislation regarding registration fee in time to act in the 1953 convention. Carried.

On motion of Chaplain Emery, election of officers was called for.

Tellers appointed were: Brothers Bowen of Camp 15, Bowen of Camp 6, Jones of Camp 17, Call of Camp 30, and Vaughan of Camp 150.

The result of the voting was as follows:

For Commander—Carder A. Perkins.

For S. V. Commander—Harold P. Shepardson.

For J. V. Commander—Robert L. Wood.

For Council—Emerson Whitman, Edwin J. Lennon, Charles W. Hooper.

For Executive Committee—Allen B. Howland.

Delegates to National Encampment:

Charles W. Hooper, Camp 144.

Henry E. Morrison, Camp 4.

Herbert W. Bogue, Camp 15.

William T. Darling, Camp 25.

Howard E. Waite, Camp 25.

George D. Lamarsh, Camp 60.
John L. Day, Camp 9.
Robert L. Wood, Camp 30.
Harold P. Shepardson, Camp 15.
William H. Crocker, Camp 9.
Henry S. Bowen, Jr., Camp 6.
John L. Day, Jr., Camp 9.
William W. Tillson, Camp 26.
Arthur Pray, Camp 56.
Edward W. Baker.
Lester K. Sweeney, Camp 25.

Brother Hamilton moved the vote for Robert L. Wood be made unanimous, and motion was carried.

Brother Wood thanked the Encampment.

Chaplain Emery moved recess to the Memorial Service. Carried.

Brother Wood moved the Encampment give a rising vote of thanks to Treasurer Hunt for all he had done for the Encampment. Carried.

Recessed to Memorial Service, under direction of Dept. Chaplain and Auxiliary Dept. Chaplain.

Installation of Officers by Past Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran. The Past Department Commander's badge was presented to Past Department Commander Herbert L. Smith by Past C.-in-C. Moran and a purse of money from the Department by Department Secretary Palmer.

Sister Mary Elliott presented Department Commander Perkins with a framed picture of Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, George A. Gay.

Brother John L. Day presented the Department Commander with a gift and the Commander's sister, Grace Broderick, with a picture, "The Gang At Home."

LEON H. PALMER,
Department Secretary.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

To the Officers and Members of the Seventieth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.:

In bringing to a close my term of office as your Department Commander, I want to thank all the members of the Department for the honor and privilege of serving you during the past year. The year has gone by very quickly and although I did not accomplish everything I had hoped to, I feel that we have made some progress.

My visitations during the year have been many, and although every Camp in the Department could not be visited, every section of the State was visited at least twice and all invitations were accepted and attended by me with the exception of two, with Senior Vice Department Commander Carder Perkins attending one and Past Department Commander William Rule attending the other. Also attended all meetings of the New England Regional Association, many meetings of the District Associations, as well as the National Encampment, and a number of the functions and receptions of Allied and Patriotic Organizations.

For quite a few years there has been talk about the Department having a paper, but nothing was ever done, possibly because of the cost involved. I have always felt that a Department paper could accomplish much for the betterment of our organization. If Camps would send in news for such a paper and have write-ups about future events, it would tend to build up visitations, thereby creating interest enough to build

up attendance at our Camp meetings. I have seen in the past where Camps taking an active part in a paper had lively meetings with a good attendance, but when the paper stopped so did the visitations and the meetings fell off from once a month to two or three times a year, with just a quorum being present. In my first Department Order, I gave the opportunity to the Camps for such a paper. The idea was that eventually every member in the Department would receive the paper monthly. There was no charge connected with the paper, either to the Department or to members; all that was asked was that the Camps send in news items and an up-to-date mailing list so that there would be no waste in postage. Because of the lack of cooperation in sending in news, only three issues of the paper were published. Cooperation was also lacking in the sending in of an up-to-date mailing list by the Camps. I must state that although no donations were asked for in any way that one of the District Associations and seven Brothers did donate a total of seventeen dollars. I still believe that the publishing of some sort of a paper will do much in building up our organization. It could even be carried further and have the Auxiliaries of the Department taking part. Possibly if a member of each one of the District Associations could be appointed to get the news from each of the Camps in their District a successful monthly paper could be established. I will publish one more paper the end of May and hope that our incoming Department Commander will make use of it, and also that the Camps will send in news items.

Once again our Friendly Relations Committee held a very successful banquet and entertainment and although it was planned to have it a non-money-making affair, a small profit was made and divided between the five Allied Organizations.

State Camp—Although it was a mandate of the last Encampment to appoint a committee of three to study the possibilities of a State Camp and report at this Encampment, through a laxity on my part this was not done. This was called to my attention late in the year and after talking about it with a few of the Brothers who would have been my prospective committee, it would seem that the functions of such a Camp, as was understood by them, would conflict with the membership-at-large set-up which we now have, and that it was not fair to appoint such a committee at such a late date, not giving them time to really study the situation. I do believe that the State Camp proposition should be studied, and will recommend so, but I do not think that such a Camp should be formed unless it is on the basis of a bona fide Camp; that is, that the Camp would have regular elected officers and meetings. Unless that was carried out, the members-at-large which we now have would take care of the situation. If a State Camp was formed, careful consideration would have to be given to the location of the Camp so that it would not draw eligibles or members from existing Camps.

I have served quite a few times on the degree teams of the Plymouth County Association and the North Metropolitan District Association in the initiation of candidates, this past year. I must cite two occasions which really stood out: one was with Camp 109 of Newburyport with six candidates, at which Commander-in-Chief Roy Bennett and National President Phyllis Dean, as well as Department President Maybell Howard, were present; the other was a class initiation with Camp 143 of Norwell, also with six candidates.

I believe that the time has come when we must give considerable thought to having all the Allied Organizations hold their annual Encampments in the same city at the same time, thereby increasing the number of those present and making a worthwhile showing in memory

of the Grand Army of the Republic. This cannot be accomplished by having a committee invite the other organizations to meet with us, after the other organizations have already voted when and where their next Encampment would be held. Therefore, I recommended that we start now to work towards the end that the 1954 Encampments be held in the same city at the same time.

I would like to take this time to commend the District Associations for their efforts in keeping some of our small Camps functioning. These Associations have always been willing and able to assist Camps by initiating candidates whenever called upon. Also, these Associations have held their meetings with different Camps, making a larger attendance possible.

Many pleasant memories will always be held of the numerous occasions that I have been privileged to attend with the heads of our Allied Organizations, especially with Department President Maybelle Howard of our Auxiliary, who has indeed been a tireless worker this past year.

I take this opportunity to thank all my Department Officers for their full cooperation this past year, and to all the Brothers for their numerous courtesies. To Camp 4 and Auxiliary 26, words cannot express the many thanks I owe them for all the courtesies extended and for the wonderful reception tendered me. My one regret is that I have not been able to do more for the Organization this past year because of an increase in the hours of employment, but I do promise that I will aid our new Department Officers in every way possible.

I submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. That a committee be appointed to look into the advisability of publishing a Department paper, and if the committee finds it advisable, said committee be granted authority to publish the paper for the coming year, providing the only cost to the Department would be for the postage.
2. That the Senior Vice Department Commander be chairman of a committee to raise money for the general fund of the Department.
3. That the Junior Vice Department Commander be chairman of a membership committee.
4. That a committee be appointed to raise money for the expenses of the next Department Encampment.
5. That a committee be appointed to serve with the Allied Organizations on the Friendly Relations Committee to carry on the same kind of a program that has been held for the past two years.
6. That a committee be appointed to contact the Allied Organizations to see if all five organizations can hold their Encampments in the same city and on the same dates in 1954.
7. That a committee of three be appointed to study the advisability of the formation of a State Camp, one member of the Committee to be from Camp 25 of Worcester.
8. That the incoming Department Commander request each District Association to hold some function during the year to earn money for the general fund of the Department.

Yours in F., C., and L.,
HERBERT L. SMITH,
Department Commander.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Please accept my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me during my past term as your Department Senior Vice Commander.

It has been my pleasure to serve as a representative of your Department Commander on several occasions during the past year.

Recommendations:

I recommend that a suitable gold engraved membership card be given to all life members.

I also recommend that the incoming Department Senior Vice Commander continue the project of raising funds for the National Chief-of-Staff, which was started during my term. The results of which to date are as follows:

Camp 79	$ 3.00
Camp 24	5.00
Camp 35	5.00
Camp 5	5.00
Camp 56	2.00
Camp 9	2.00
Camp 104	5.00
Total Receipts	$27.00

It has been a privilege and a pleasure for me to have served the Order.

Respectfully submitted,
Yours in F., C., and L.,
CARDER A. PERKINS, D.S.V.C.,
Dorchester 24, Mass.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Springfield, Mass., April 19, 1952.

One year ago you elected me to the office of Junior Vice Department Commander. I appreciated the honor conferred and my ability to work for the advancement of our Department.

I visited the Camps in the Western part of the Department several times. Have served as an officer of the Pioneer Valley Association, and have endeavored to keep the interest of the order in the Camps in this section.

One circular letter was issued in the interest of Camps securing new members.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,
HAROLD P. SHEPARDSON,
Junior Vice Department Comdr.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

The Council held its first meeting with all members present. Charles W. Hooper was elected Chairman, Edwin Lennon, Secretary, and William C. Rule, P.D.C., as third member.

It was voted to keep State Street Trust Company as depository of funds of Mass. Department, to continue use of the safe deposit box, with controlled access Department Officers. It was also voted to furnish bonds for Department Commander, Secretary and Treasurer.

Council Secretary was requested to send principal remarks of S.U.V. 1951 Memorial Exercises at Hall of Flags to The Banner. Subsequently, address by President Daniel H. O'Leary, of State Teachers College, was also published in Congressional Record.

Council voted to approve action of Executive Committee in changing Department investments to increase income for general fund. U. S. Govt. bonds owned by Department to be retained.

Department Council Executive Committee voted a joint reception with Auxiliary at Hotel Commander to National President Phyllis M. Dean.

In accordance with vote of 1951, Encampment proceedings of the 1950-51 Encampments were printed and turned over to Department Secretary Leon Palmer for distribution to Camps and Officers. Council noted with pleasure the efforts of P.D.C. Allen Howland and Committee in raising funds for 1952 Encampment.

Council acknowledged receipt of funds from Friendly Relations Committee and District Associations for General Fund.

The Council learned with deep regret of the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief H. Harding Hale.

Council expressed regrets of illness of Brother Clarence Howard, who served as Council Secretary last year.

The books and bank statements of the Department Secretary and Treasurer were checked and found to be in order.

Your Council recommends each Department member try earnestly during the coming year to bring at least one new member into our order. They recommend that each district association set aside at least one meeting per year for the purpose of raising a sum that may be given to the General Fund.

The Department Council wishes to express its thanks to all Officers and Past Department Commanders, in particular, Dept. Commander Herbert L. Smith, Secretary Leon H. Palmer and Treasurer George Hunt, for the assistance given during the many meetings in the year.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN J. LENNON.

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR YEAR 1952-53

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

	1952-53	
Per Capita Tax on 1700 members @ $1.00	$1,700.00	
Membership Fees on 40 members @ $1.00	40.00	
Interest from Permanent Fund	525.00	
Donations	180.00	
Office Rent, from Auxiliary	112.50	
Telephone, from Auxiliary	50.00	
For Lights, from Auxiliary	8.00	
1952 Encampment Fund	85.00	
		$2,700.50

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS

	1952-53	
Per Capita Tax on 1700 members @ 60c	$1,020.00	
Membership Fees on 40 members @ 50c	20.00	
1952 Encampment Expense	85.00	
Salary of Department Secretary	500.00	
Dept. Commander's Expense to Nat'l Encampment	75 00	
Dept. Commander's Travel Expense	100.00	
Postage, Printing, Stationery	150.00	
Electric Lights	15 00	
Telephone	100.00	
Office Rent	300.00	
Badge for Department Commander	10.00	
Radio Expense	10.00	
Safe Deposit Box	6.00	
Donation to Auxiliary Ways & Means Com.	25.00	
Officers' Bond Premiums	7.50	
To repay part of loan from Loring Fund	50.00	
Printing Proceedings, 1952 Encampment	100.00	
Incidentals	22.00	
American Coalition Subscription	10.00	
Printing Rosters (200) Mass. Dep. S.U.V.C.W.	50.00	
Reserved for Contingencies	45.00	
		$2,700.50

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY LEON H. PALMER

Membership

Camps, January 1, 1951	87	
Members, January 1, 1952, including Members-at-Large		1898

Gains

	Init.	Re-in.	Tr.	Total		
March Quarter	2			2		
June Quarter	8			8		
September Quarter	3	2		5		
December Quarter	3	1	1	5		20
					87	1918

Losses

	Camps Dis.	Deaths	Hon. Dis.	Drops	Total		
March Quarter	1	13	4	42	59		
June Quarter		10	1	10	21		
September Quarter	3	14	3	101	118		
December Quarter	—	10	3	19	32	4	230
Camps, January 1, 1952						83	
Members, January 1, 1952							1688

Camps Voluntarily Disbanded

Camp 76—Amherst	22 members
Camp 40—Ayer	9 members
Camp 101—Westminster	48 members
Camp 146—Brookfield	15 members
Total	94

In all cases of the Disbanded Camps, sincere and continued efforts were made by the Department to Influence the Camps to reconsider their action and remain in the Department. It is possible that two of these Camps may be re-instated.

Supply Account

On hand April 1, 1951		$197.14
Purchases		101.65
		$298.79
Sales	$ 78.32	
Obsolete	1.10	
On hand April 1, 1952	217.47	
Profit	$ 1.90	

General Fund

Balance on hand April 1, 1951		$ 40.42
Receipts		
Per Capita Tax	$1,499.07	
Membership Fees	27.00	
Supplies	78.32	
For Encampment Fund	56.20	
Surrender by Camp 40	258.72	
From Ways and Means Committee	13.22	
From North Met. Ass'n	6.00	
From Plymouth Co. Ass'n	17.50	
Auxiliary Dept. Enc. Gift	265.10	
From Permanent Fund Investments, Int., and Divs.	452.75	
Rent	103.13	
Lights	4.65	
Telephone	54.24	
From Friendly Relations Committee	9.45	
		$2,845.35
Total		$2,885.77
Disbursements		
Per Capita Tax	$ 954.36	
Initiation Fees	8.00	
Travel Expense, Commander	100.00	
Supplies	101.65	
Postage	50.56	
Printing	37.50	
Stationery	36.50	
Rent	300.00	
Light	11.21	
Telephone	107.49	
Salary, balance of Secretary for 1951	30.00	
Salary of Secretary for 1952	500.00	
Dept. Comdr's badge for 1951	10.00	
Dept. Comdr's badge for 1952	10.00	
Convention Expense for 1951	62.19	
State Street Trust Co. service charges	9.99	
State Street Trust Co. rent of box	6.00	
Bond Premiums, Dept. Officers	7.50	
National Encampment Expense of Commander	75.00	
Flowers for deceased Dept. Comdrs.	13.50	
Radio Expense	1.00	
Proceedings, 1950 and 1952	172.10	
Auxiliary Nat'l President Reception	50.00	
Repaid to Benj. Loring Fund	50.00	
Gift to Auxiliary Dept. Ways and Means Committee	25.00	
Repairs to Addressograph machine	10.71	
Per Capita Tax overpaid	9.00	
Incidentals	22.42	$2,771.68
Balance on hand April 1, 1952		$ 114.09

LEON H. PALMER, Dept. Sec'y.

REPORT OF GEORGE E. HUNT, DEPARTMENT TREASURER

The following is my report as Treasurer of the Special Funds of the Department for the year ending March 31, 1952:

Benjamin J. Loring Fund

Balance on hand in Home Savings Bank Book No. 258021, April 1, 1950	$ 478.95
Added during the year—taken from Permanent Fund dividends as recommended by vote of last Encampment to partly reimburse amount withdrawn in 1949	50.00
Interest	16.09
Making balance in Bank this date	$ 545.04

George C. Marshall Post No. 136, Rutland, Mass., Fund

Balance on Hand, April 1, 1951, in Mechanics Savings Bank, Worcester, Book No. 150934	$ 60.07
Div. on 8 shares stock, Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co.	24.00
Bank Interest	1.68
Making balance in Bank this date	$ 85.75
Eight shares of stock in Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., certificate No. 14040—cost	$ 396.00
Making total amount of the Fund, April 1, 1952	$ 481.75

Theodore Winthrop Camp No. 81, Chelsea

Balance in Suffolk Co-operative Federal Savings & Loan Association, April 1, 1951, Book No. 3319	$ 41.02
Interest added	3.28
Making balance in Bank this date	$ 44.30
20 Shares Common Stock, Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., certificate No. 13423—cost	1,000.00
Total amount of Fund, April 1, 1952	$1,044.30

During the year we have paid to the Treasurer of Camp 81, 4 dividends from the Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co. amounting to $60.00.

Couden-Higginson Camp No. 56, Cambridge

Balance on hand April 1, 1951, in the Cambridge Savings Bank, Book No. 207496	$ 366.73
Bank interest	6.18
Dividend on 10 shares United Fruit Co.	45.00
Dividend on 5 shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	45.00
Dividend on 10 shares Western Mass.	10.00
Making a total of	$ 472.91
10 shares West Mass., certificate 114149	330.00
	$ 142.91
Withdrawn to pay dues of 21 members	42.00
Making balance in Bank, April 1, 1952	$ 100.91
10 shares Common Stock United Fruit Co., certificate No. HO225441—cost	539.40
5 shares Common Stock Am. Tel. & Tel. Co., certificate No. BE93307—cost	776.00
10 shares Western Mass., certificate 114149	330.00
Making the amount of Fund, April 1, 1952	$1,746.31

Margareta Myers Fund

Balance on hand April 1, 1951, in Suffolk Co-operative Federal & Loan Ass'n, Book No. 3661		$ 70.49
Interest		1.78
Dividend on 5 shares United Fruit Co.		27.50
Making total of		$ 99.77
Withdrawn and sent to Miss Myers		30.00
		$ 69.77
Cash on hand		3.75
		$ 73.52
5 shares stock in United Fruit Co., certificate No. HO225440—cost		269.70
Making total amound of Fund, April 1, 1952		$ 343.22

Arnold William Coppenhagen Fund

Balance in Charlestown Savings Bank, April 1, 1951, Book No. 233893		$ 278.00
Dividends on United Fruit Co. stock		90.00
Dividend on Western Mass. Co. stock		50.00
Dividend on Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. stock		126.00
Dividend on Ludlow Mfg. Co. stock		39.00
Dividend on Hingham Co-operative Bank shares, certificate No. 1741		25.00
Dividend on N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. stock		20.00
Interest from Bank		2.42
		$ 630.42
Sold Hingham Co-operative Bank—shares		1,000.00
		$1,630.42
Bought 5 shares N. E. T. & T. Co., No. 251023	$ 569.43	
Bought 20 shares Ludlow Mfg. Co., No. 37811	720.00	
Withdrawn to pay Band for Memorial Day	135.00	
Withdrawn to pay for bus, M.T.A.	9.25	1,433.68
Balance in Bank, April 1, 1952		$ 196.74

Details of this Fund, April 1, 1952

Balance in Charlestown Savings Bank	$ 196.74
Balance in Provident Inst. for Savings	367.72
Interest in Provident Inst. for Savings	18.70
20 shares United Fruit Co., certificate HO225442	1,078.81
25 shares Western Mass. Cos., certificate 95576	887.50
14 shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.: certificate for 2 shares, M361459; certificate for 2 shares, M306217; certificate for 10 shares, BK98378	2,134.07
5 shares N. E. T. & T. Co., certificate No. 251023	569.43
20 shares Ludlow Mfg. Co., certificate No. 37811	720.00
Total amount of Fund, April 1, 1952	$5,973.50

Permanent Fund

Balance in Charlestown Savings Bank, April 1, 1951, Book 405403		$ 229.56
Dividend Haverhill Gas Light Co.		22.50
Dividend Bellevue Co-operative Bank		15.00
Dividend Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.		42.75
Interest added during year		1.91
Reading Co-operative Bank, 5 matured shares, certificate 2750		1,000.00
Bellevue Co-operative Bank, 10 shares matured, certificate 446		2,000.00
Balance in Hudson Savings Bank, Book No. 38537		846.93
		$4,158.65

Withdrawn to buy

2 Shares Eastern Utilities Ass'n, certificate 116661	$ 55.50	
50 Shares Ludlow Mfg. Co., certificate 37810	1,800.00	
25 Shares Hayward Wakefield Co. Pref., certificate B9022	450.00	
40 Shares Bird & Son Co., certificate CO14462	660.00	
15 Shares Plymouth Cordage Co., certificate CB5410	855.00	$3,820.50
Balance in Charlestown Savings Bank, April 1, 1952, Book 405403		$ 338.15

Details of the Fund are as follows:

Balance in Charlestown Savings Bank, Book 405403, April 1, 1952		$ 338.15
2 $1,000.00 U. S. Govt. Bonds, Nos. M71077, due February, 1954, and M296820, due December, 1953		2,000.00
50 Shares Common stock Haverhill Gas Light Co., certificate 13848—cost		1,000.00
19 Shares Common stock Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.:		
15 Shares, certificate BXV1408—cost	$ 2,327.97	
4 Shares, certificate P211396—cost	530.13	
		2,858.10
2 Shares Eastern Utilities Ass'n, certificate 116661		55.50
50 Shares Ludlow Mfg. Co., certificate 37810		1,800.00
15 Shares Plymouth Cordage Co., certificate CB5410		855.00
25 Shares Hayward Wakefield Co. Pref., certificate B9022		450.00
40 Shares Bird & Son Co., certificate CO14462		660.00
Total amount of Fund, April 1, 1952		$10,016.75

Showing a gain for the year of $91.58.

Recommendations

No. 1—I recommend that the treasurer be authorized to use Dividends and Interest from the Permanent Fund with which to pay the sum of $50.00 to the Benj. J. Loring Fund as part payment of the amount withdrawn by vote of the Council in 1949. Amount borrowed $332.68, repaid $115.00; balance due, $217.68.

No. 2—That all amounts except above received from dividends and interest on the Permanent Fund shall be paid by the treasurer to the General Fund of the Department, to be used in paying part of the expenses of the Department.

Fraternally submitted,
GEORGE E. HUNT,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR

My duties during the past year have consisted of advising on legal questions which have arisen and preparing papers in some litigation which will presently be brought on behalf of the Department.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER,
Department Counselor.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

I was very pleased to be again appointed as your Department Chaplain for the past year. While the duties of this position are, in most cases, not too arduous, they are nevertheless of such nature as to require a sincere effort, on the part of the incumbent, to make them so outstanding that they will be remembered long after any specific occasion.

The Memorial Service is the one outstanding service which it is the duty of the holder of this office to prepare and present at the time of the Department Encampment. As your Chaplain, I have given considerable thought to this service and sincerely hope that many of the Brothers will be in attendance.

May I commend to each Brother a nearer, closer walk with God, our Heavenly Father, in our everyday life, to the end that what we do will be done as He would want to have it. I am sure that only then can we have the real satisfaction of a job well done.

May Almighty God in His wisdom and mercy further endow you with many more years of service to Him and our beloved order.

JOHN W. EMERY.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has held two meetings during the year, on June 7 and September 27, 1951, respectively.

Outside of routine administrative matters which were handled, the Committee, in accordance with the vote of the Encampment last year, voted to purchase for the Permanent Fund and our several trust funds certain high-grade stocks, the details of which will appear in the Treasurer's Report.

Both meetings were well attended and show an interest in the affairs of the Department by the brethren who have been elected to the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER,
Chairman.

April 27, 1952.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICITY

We have been fortunate in having "Camp News," an official publication, for our department and thru the efforts of a sitting commander, Herbert L. Smith. It has been my privilege and pleasure to furnish a generous amount of items for the same, each issue.

A new model of "The Banner," though curtailing in volume over the former national organ, is a very creditable performance by National Secretary-Treasurer "Al" Lambert. I have submitted the limit on copy for this. Both these periodicals are a decided asset to our advancement and prestige.

The public press has been responsive, even above previous years,

and my knowledge of same extends over more than one quarter of a century. Much material has been submitted and usually well recognized.

Although we should hope for and perhaps expect more consideration, it is my belief that we obtain good results, for an organization of our size and strength.

Respectfully submitted,
in F., C. & L.,
HAROLD M. DROWN,
Dept. Publicity Secretary.

REPORT OF THE STATE ORGANIZER

For Year Ending May 3, 1952

Department Commander Herbert L. Smith and Brothers:

It is with regret that I am not able to report greater accomplishments, but the results obtained give promise of better conditions in the future.

Camp No. 28, Fitchburg—Three visits. With the help of a few members of Camp No. 25, held election and installation of officers in October. Took in 8 new members. January meeting in bad weather; inducted four new members, and April meeting, Committee appointed to work with veterans for Decoration Day, first in four years. Some progress.

Camp No. 37, Gardner—Two visits. First in March; 5 members present; short business meeting planned and held. Supper and roll call meeting on April 30th; good attendance; two new members. Some live members here and Camp very promising.

Camp No. 55, Southbridge—Three visits. First with Treasurer and Secretary. Camp not meeting but conduct Decoration Day activities. Had four out for March meeting and Commander promised to get Camp together after Decoration Day to try and get new members.

Camp No. 71, Northboro—Three visits. Camp not meeting but conduct Decoration Day activities. Got Officers together and got back-reports forwarded to Department. Their Camp should consolidate with others nearby.

Camp No. 12, Oxford—Three visits. Quorum out for regular meetings. Installed Officers in November. Got members working on new prospects and have three promised.

Camp No. 47, Shrewsbury—One visit. Saw Committee and got promise of reports to be forwarded to Department. Very small membership and not meeting. Camp Commander has charge of Town Decoration Day exercises. This Camp should consolidate with nearby one.

This constitutes 15 trips made out to different Camps, besides several visits to Department Headquarters; also attended National Convention at Columbus, Ohio. Past Commanders' Night at Roxbury and Relief Corps Convention in Worcester on April 14th.

There is so much more that could be done, but the time I am able to spend on the work is limited and the results are correspondingly small.

I would like to make several recommendations which I think will help:

No. 1—Department Commander to appoint Sick Committee, who will be assigned to work with State Organizer. To visit all Camps not now holding regular meetings, get the Officers' reports into the Department and arrange for regular meetings and election and installation of Officers.

No. 2—Establish State Camp from members of all dropped or surrendered Camps. Such members to automatically be transferred to State Camp and dues' notices sent within 30 days. Department Commander to appoint someone other than Department Secretary to act as Secretary of State Camp, who will send out dues' notices, keep records of membership,

etc. All Past Commanders in State Camp will have all the privileges of Past Commanders, including membership to Department Convention. All monies of State Camp shall be property of State Department after bills are paid at the end of fiscal year.

No. 3—Establish State Graves Registration Officer, who will contact all Camps regarding grave registration work as set up by National Graves Registration Committee, and explain work to be done in this line. Officers shall have authority to appoint such assistants as needed.

No. 4—Establish National Memorial Fund Officer, who will acquaint all Camps of the purpose of this fund and set up suitable promotions to bring this work into prominence and proper operation.

No. 5—Print a Roster at once.

No. 6—Establish a Committee to revise by-laws regarding Per Capita Tax and to work out a plan to co-ordinate election dates of Camps and Department Officers and revise laws accordingly.

HOWARD E. WAITE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

May 3, 1952.

We first wish to commend the Officers of the Department for their fine reports, especially the Department Commander, Herbert L. Smith, who has done fine work throughout the year. He made several recommendations:

Recommendation No. 1—We recommend concurrence.

No. 2—We also concur.

No. 3—We feel that this needs no action by this body as this was voted in the 1951 Encampment, but we do wish to recommend that the Junior Vice Department Commander carry out the vote.

No. 4—In this we concur.

No. 5—We heartily concur in this Recommendation.

No. 6—We certainly concur in this.

No. 7—A motion to this effect was passed in the 1951 Encampment but not carried out.

We recommend that this be attended to by the incoming Department Commander.

No. 8—We concur in this.

1951 *DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE*

Our Committee is very pleased with the work this committee for raising money to pay for our Encampment in Worcester.

We recommend that our Department Treasurer forward $12.00 to the Department Auxiliary as requested.

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT

Recommendation No. 1—We recommend that this be referred t the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

No. 2—In this we concur.

TREASURER'S REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1—We recommend concurrence.

No. 2—We also concur in this.

We recommend that the Financial Report be referred to the Department Council for examination and approval before publication.

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZER RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1—We concur. We recommend that the incoming Department Commander's attention be given to the recommendation and that he try to carry out the suggestion.

No. 2—We concur and we have recommended the same on Recommendation No. 7 of the Department Commander's Report.

No. 3—We concur in this Recommendation.

No. 4—We concur and recommend that this be attended to by the Department Patriotic Instructor.

No. 5—We concur and we believe that a roster should be printed soon after the Encampment.

No. 6—We recommend that this be referred to the Committee on State Camp to look into its merits and report to the next Encampment.

We recommend that the reports of Junior Vice Commander, Chaplain, Executive Committee and Publicity Committee be accepted as read.

PARKER B. CHANDLER, P.D.C., Chairman;
HENRY F. WEILER, P.D.C.,
HENRY BOWEN.

REPORT OF RESTORATION OF RANK COMMITTEE

We recommend that the rank of the following members be restored:
Edgar F. Pierce of Camp 109.
Glenden W. Chase of Camp 109.
Raymond A. Morse of Camp 35.
Edward G. Tripp of Camp 35.

We feel that a member in good standing in the Camp at the time he left the Order and has come back shows his interest in the Order and should have his rank restored.

ROY C. CALL, P.D.C., Chairman;
HAROLD P. SHEPARDSON,
LESTER W. ELDRIDGE.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

10 North Bridge Street,
Holyoke, Massachusetts,
April 19, 1952.

We were well received and accorded full honors as representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings and good wishes were extended to them by me in your name and the name of the Massachusetts Department.

Thos with me representing you and the Massachusetts Department were: George D. LaMarsh, Camp No. 60, Holyoke, and Waldo M. Welch, Camp No. 25, Worcester.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
WILLIAM C. RULE,
Department Council Member.

REPORT ON 69th ENCAMPMENT

To the 70th Encampment:

Through the courtesy of Brother Howard E. Waite, I am submitting an itemized statement of the 69th Encampment, held in Worcester.

Your Committee has in its possession paid receipts for all of the listed items and has been approved by same.

The only outstanding indebtedness is to the Massachusetts Department Auxiliary for $12.00 for banquet tickets for Department heads last year. If Brother Palmer had not instructed that the ballots and services of the stenographer be paid from registration money this bill would have been paid.

It was the understanding that the Department would pay for the ballots and services; also, I would have you note that the sale of Booster Cards by Camp No. 25 has kept the Department free of expenses for the Encampment. The work of your Committee has been very commendable and it is a credit to the members that the Worcester Encampment is free of any debt.

1951 *Encampment Statement*

The following is an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the 1951 Encampment of the Massachusetts Department of the Sons of Union Veterans, held in Worcester, Mass., April 26-27-28:

Receipts

City of Worcester	$ 750.00
Program	253.00
Booster Cards	53.00
Registration	103.00
Massachusetts Department Auxiliary	15.85
Total	$1,174.85

Expenditures

Auditorium	$ 325.00
Orchestra	185.00
Piano	25.00
Hoyle Press	264.72
Higgins, Florist	100.00
Sheraton Hotel	132.50
Police	28.00
Stage Employees	18.00
Entertainment	18.00
Mailing	20.00
Janitor	10.00
Estey Paper	11.26
Ballots and Stenograhper	11.75
Permit and Taxes	13.00
Telephone and Miscellaneous	12.62
Total	$1,174.85

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours in F., C. & L.,

JOSEPH T. DALY, Chairman,
69th Encampment Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

So far as we are aware, there are no copies of the Department By-Laws available for general distribution to Camps and members.

Some amendments have been adopted in recent years and others are being proposed now.

We believe that plans should be made to publish the Department By-Laws, with all up-to-the-minute changes, in the near future, perhaps following the next Department Encampment. We recommend that these By-Laws be printed in the Rosters or Proceedings of the 1953 Encampment, to save printing costs and guarantee general distribution and provide a permanent and available record.

On the recommendation of the Senior Vice Department Commander in which he suggests a gold engraved membership card for all life members, we believe this would only be proper after the establishment of a carefully set up trust fund to guarantee such life membership over and above such contingencies as Camp disbandment and changes, and to provide the continued payment of the members' per capita tax to the Department or Commander-in-Chief so long as the member or the Department should continue.

We accordingly recommend that the question of a life membership trust fund be first determined before definite action on this recommendation.

HENRY F. WEILER, Chairman;
JOHN L. DAY,
WILLIAM W. HASKELL,
HENRY E. MORRISON.

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